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Fill in this information to identify your case:		
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	_	
Case number (if known)	_ Chapter you are filing under:	
	Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 11	
	☐ Chapter 12	
	☐ Chapter 13	Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Pai	rt 1:	Identify Yourself		
			About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1.	You	r full name		
Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's		government-issued ure identification (for	Melissa First name H.	First name
			Middle name	Middle name
	Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.		Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)
2.		other names you have d in the last 8 years		
		ide your married or den names.		
3.	you num Indi	y the last 4 digits of r Social Security aber or federal vidual Taxpayer atification number	xxx-xx-0753	

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	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):		
Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years Include trade names and doing business as names	■ I have not used any business name or EINs. Business name(s)	☐ I have not used any business name or EINs. Business name(s) EINs		
Where you live	4142 W. Nelson	If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:		
	Rasement Chicago, IL 60641 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Cook County If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.	Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code County If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.		
	Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code		
Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy	Check one: Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district. I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)	Check one: ☐ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district. ☐ I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)		
	Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years Include trade names and doing business as names Where you live Why you are choosing this district to file for	Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years Include trade names and doing business as names Business name(s) Business name(s) EINs Where you live 4142 W. Nelson Basement Chicago, IL 60641 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Cook County If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address. Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Check one: Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy Check one: Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district. I have another reason.		

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•ar	Tell the Court About	Your B	ankruptcy Ca	se				
' .	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are	Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.						
	choosing to file under	■ C	hapter 7					
		□с	hapter 11					
		□с	hapter 12					
		□с	hapter 13					
3.	How you will pay the fee	•	about how yo	u may pay. Typ attorney is sub	pically, if you are paying the fee y	ck with the clerk's office in your local court for more details ourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money lalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with		
			I need to pay the fee in installments. If you choose this option, sign and attach the Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments (Official Form 103A).					
			I request that but is not requapplies to you	t my fee be wa uired to, waive ur family size a	aived (You may request this option your fee, and may do so only if your fee, are unable to pay the fee it	on only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, bur income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out		
	Have you filed for			on to Have the	Chapter / Filing Fee Waived (Offi	cial Form 103B) and file it with your petition.		
, .	bankruptcy within the	■ No						
	last 8 years?	☐ Ye						
			District		When	Case number		
			District		When	Case number		
			District		When	Case number		
0.	Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being	■ No)					
	filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?	□ Ye	es.					
			Debtor			Relationship to you		
			District		When	Case number, if known		
			Debtor			Relationship to you		
			District		When	Case number, if known		
1.	Do you rent your residence?		o. Go to li	ne 12.				
	residence:	■ Ye	es. Has yo	ur landlord obt	ained an eviction judgment agains	st you and do you want to stay in your residence?		
				No. Go to line	12.			
				Yes. Fill out Ir bankruptcy pe	nitial Statement About an Eviction stition.	Judgment Against You (Form 101A) and file it with this		

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ar	Report About Any Bu	sinesses `	You Own	as a Sole Proprietor	
12.	Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?	■ No.	Go to	Part 4.	
		☐ Yes.	Name	and location of business	
	A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.		Name	of business, if any	
	If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a		Numbe	er, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	
	separate sheet and attach it to this petition.		Check	the appropriate box to describe your business:	
				Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))	
				Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))	
				Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))	
				Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))	
				None of the above	
13.	Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?	deadlines operation	If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).		
	For a definition of small	■ No.	I am n	ot filing under Chapter 11.	
	business debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).	□ No.	I am fil Code.	ling under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy	
		☐ Yes.	I am fil	ling under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.	
ar	t 4: Report if You Own or	Have Any	Hazardo	us Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention	
14.	Do you own or have any	■ No.			_
	property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and	Yes.	What is t	he hazard?	
	identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs			iate attention is	
	immediate attention?		needed,	why is it needed?	
	For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?		Where is	the property?	
				Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code	

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15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit

counseling.

Part 5:

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

 □ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

□ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

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My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Signature of Debtor 1

Executed on October 16, 2017

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Alfredo	J. Garcia ARDC	Date	October 16, 2017
Signature of	Attorney for Debtor		MM / DD / YYYY
	Garcia ARDC		
Printed name			
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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In re	Melissa H. Alvarez		Case N).	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	7	
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSA	ATION OF ATTO	RNEY FOR I	DEBTOR(S)	
C	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of per rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or	the petition in bankruptcy	, or agreed to be pa	id to me, for services rend	lered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept		\$	665.00	
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received			665.00	
	Balance Due		\$	0.00	
2. \$	335.00 of the filing fee has been paid.				
3.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
4.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
5.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensat	tion with any other person	n unless they are mo	embers and associates of n	ny law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of				firm. A
5.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render	legal service for all aspec	cts of the bankruptc	y case, including:	
t c	a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statemen c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and d. [Other provisions as needed] Attorney's representation of debtor is condit case to pay Attorney for services rendered a agreement, the court may allow Attorney to	at of affairs and plan which ad confirmation hearing, a tioned on debtor ente after filing of the case	th may be required; and any adjourned hering into an agre . Should debtor	earings thereof; ement after the filing of fail to enter into such	of the an
7. I	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee doe Representation of the debtors in any discha from one chapter to another; reopening of a schedule or statement post-filing not due to debtors' failure to attend the meeting withou	rgeability actions or a closed case; judicial Attorney's fault; and	any other advers lien avoidance; attending additi	amending a petition, li onal creditors' meeting	ist,
	CI	ERTIFICATION			
	certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreankruptcy proceeding.	eement or arrangement fo	or payment to me for	r representation of the deb	otor(s) in
0	ctober 16, 2017	/s/ Alfredo J. Ga	rcia ARDC		
D	ate	Alfredo J. Garci Signature of Attorn	-		
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		Name of law firm			

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CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

FOR OFFICE	USE ,
Client No/	481
Interviewing Attorne	y:
Date: //-/5-/	16

THIS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW (11 U.S.C. § 528(a))

- 1. Parties: In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys.
- 2. Purpose: Client has requested the opportunity to consult with and obtain information and advice from Attorney concerning options for relief from debts, which may include filing bankruptcy. This agreement is for purposes of that consultation only.
- 3. Client's Duties: In order for Attorney to give meaningful advice, Client agrees to give accurate, honest, full and fair disclosure of financial information concerning income over the past three years from all sources, monthly living expenses, the type and amount of all debts (including names and addresses of all creditors), all assets and property owned by the client, wherever located and by whomever held, and any additional information determined by Attorney to be relevant.
- 4. Services: The attorney agrees to provide Client with the following services:
 - a. analyzing Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client;

	b.	to the extent possible, advising Client of bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options based on the
	c.	information provided by Client; if Client has not provided Attorney with sufficient information upon which to fully advise Client on Client's options, informing Client what additional information Client needs to provide in order to enable Attorney to
	d.	provide such advice and information; where applicable, advising Client of the requirements placed upon Client to file a bankruptcy; and
	e.	to the extent possible, quoting a fee for providing bankruptcy and/or nonbankruptcy assistance to Client
5. Fee	s (ch	neck one):
\checkmark	A o	consultation fee will be waived if Client decides not to retain Attorney, in which case the attorney-client ationship shall terminate at the conclusion of the interview
	Cli	ent agrees to pay \$ in nonrefundable consultation fee
the cas Client a	e, an	Client decides to retain Attorney, this consultation becomes billable and is covered by the legal fee charged for an an ew written contract, as well as a Court-Approved Retention Agreement if applicable, must be signed by Attorney, which shall supersede this agreement. The new agreement(s) will also provide a detailed explanation es' obligations and a breakdown of the costs.
Client :	is th	rledgement : Client acknowledges that the first date upon which Attorney provided any bankruptcy assistance to e date noted above, and that Attorney provided Client with a copy of this agreement and the disclosure and mandated by Section 527(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
	_	Date: 11/15/16 gnature: Muth ARDC #: 6 322 34/
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